

## ENGLAND AWAKES TO HER WAR TASK

### Change in Cabinet Evidences a New Regime.

To appreciate the real meaning of the recent cabinet crisis in England it is necessary to go back to the history of the months, indeed the years, that preceded the outbreak of the present war and recognize the central fact that for some years Great Britain had been governed by a party or a coalition of parties whose leaders utterly misunderstood the Europe in which they lived.

For years Lord Roberts and a number of the most eminent of British statesmen asserted loudly that the



WINSTON CHURCHILL (ABOVE) AND LORD FISHER.

Germans were preparing for war. They filled the press with their appeals to their own countrymen to prepare. Lord Roberts' speeches, read now, seem to have almost the character of prophecy. But to all this Liberal-Labor-Nationalist leaders and journalists turned a deaf ear or responded with derisive criticism. Then came a rude awakening.

That the storm should break about Winston Churchill is not surprising. His temperament, his personality, inevitably brought him into conflict with the professional naval officers, of whom Lord Fisher is the most eminent. Lord Fisher's resignation from the admiralty stirred up British public opinion against Churchill.

The recent cabinet crisis in England is final evidence that the British people are at last awake to the meaning of the German war. It means a stronger, sterner, more uncompromising spirit in the conduct of the war. This is the point of view of the new cabinet.

### IN THE DARDANELLES.

#### Allied Ships Make Slow Progress Against Mines and Big Forts.

It is slow work along the Dardanelles for the allied fleets. That shark of the deep, the submarine, lurks about, the waters are heavily mined, and the ships are constant targets for the forts



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DAMAGE DONE BY TURKISH SHELLS.

that guard the way to Constantinople. The illustration shows an officer's cabin on a British ship that has been riddled by Turkish shrapnel. There is but little sleep along the Dardanelles and will not be until Constantinople is taken or the allies are driven out.

### SIRENS AND SONS.

A man in Cincinnati, Horace Thole, who is deaf and dumb, has a chauffeur's license.

William A. Law, president of the American Bankers' association, was born on a cotton plantation in South Carolina, where his father was a country minister.

Brigadier General Carroll A. Devol, just appointed general manager of the Red Cross, a newly created position, is now attached to the general staff of the United States army, being in the quartermaster's department.

Dr. H. P. Packard, head of the Presbyterian hospital at Urumiah, Persia, who has of late, since massacres began, been largely instrumental in sheltering and saving thousands of Christians in the Presbyterian mission, is an American who has devoted his life to mission work. For years he has labored at Urumiah.

The war has made Herr Ballin, the German shipping magnate, talkative, whereas for years he has had the reputation of being the most silent of the men round the Kaiser. His dislike of publicity was so great that he disappeared once on a yachting cruise to avoid a presentation on the part of the townfolk of Hamburg.

### Echoes of the War.

The longer the war the shorter the means.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Posterity will inherit an immense war debt, but then it will be lucky if it does not inherit a war.—Chicago News.

And still the world war is doing its brutal best to fulfill predictions of the end of the world.—Atlanta Constitution.

Eleven nations now in the war. It ought to be unlucky for somebody when the thirteenth takes the plunge.—Boston Herald.

"The die has been cast" again in Europe, this time by Italy. The old thing must be pretty well worn, considering the hard usage it has had ever since Caesar crossed the Rubicon.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

### Town Topics.

We have the same time in Detroit that they do in New York. Time, not times.—Detroit News.

If New York city persists in her attacks against gangsters she may achieve home rule yet.—Washington Post.

Some Chicago aldermen raise their hands and say "Please, teacher," to the mayor every time they want to sneeze.—Chicago News.

Detroit has followed Cleveland's example of adopting eastern time. They surely will have to get up earlier if they want to keep pace with Pittsburgh.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

### Short Stories.

One sturgeon weighing 200 pounds will give forty pounds of caviar.

A Russian is not of age until he is twenty-six years old. Until that time at least four-fifths of his earnings must go to his parents.

Pure bred silver black fox pups cannot be purchased under \$10,000 a pair nor known breeders of highest class at less than \$30,000 a pair.

In Italy the majority of the poorer class are noted for their general good health. This is to some extent attributed to the fact that the working people of Italy eat less meat than those of any European nation.

### PITH AND POINT.

Spain, without apparent effort, is keeping its bolero on.

Some men learn a trade, and others cultivate a hearty handshake.

A woman can sharpen a pencil as gracefully as a man can thread a needle.

Many of the good things to be said about men are held for release until they die.

Easiest thing in the world to get up in the air, but it is hard to gracefully get down again.

In the matter of total abstinence the British people seem to be inclined to "let George do it."

Now they are saying that Huerta amounts to something after all; he's a New York taxpayer.

Switzerland is a small island of common sense entirely surrounded by a sea of war madness.

Columbia university professors find that heat and humidity decrease working capacity. This has been generally suspected.

A Pittsburgh girl has had an admirer arrested for stealing her teeth. Love making must be strenuous business in the Smoky City.

It is odd that while war is raging all through Europe South America, renowned for its revolution habit, should be advocating permanent peace.

Announcement is made that the tribunal of peace at The Hague is sixteen years old. Ought to be able to sit up and take notice just about now.

Dr. Wiley's dictum that woman's best profession is marriage is not weakened by the occasional demonstration that, like all other professions, it has its failures.

## HOOKED BOMBS FOR ZEPPELINS

### England Has New Devices to Repel Aerial Raids.

SO far the dreaded Zeppelin raids upon the English coast and upon London itself have done but little damage. They have not yet proved themselves to be dominant in the air as have the submarines in the sea. Ninety bombs were dropped in the recent raid on London, but only four persons were killed and a few injured. Compare this with the damage done to the Lusitania by a German submarine.

The illustration shows bombs from a Zeppelin that never reached London, but was obliged to descend upon one of the Faroe Islands due to an accident. The crew reached ground safely and disguised themselves as fishermen. They had almost made good their escape in a fishing smack when their identity was discovered, and they were interned by the Danish authorities. An explosion destroyed the Zeppelin, but its bombs strewed the coast and are an object of curiosity to the islanders.

Though England has not suffered seriously thus far from Zeppelin attacks, it is nevertheless guarding against the German threat that London will yet be destroyed by the Zeppelin. The censorship is strict, especially strict as to the methods of defense against overhead attacks from the monsters of the air, but nevertheless it is known that anti-aircraft guns are in readiness to shoot the heavens full of holes and that London fire brigades have been especially coached to deal with fires caused by bombs.

The aerial wings of the army and navy have several cards unplayed. Unofficially it is learned that throughout England huge aerodromes have been constructed, each harboring a dozen fast air cruisers. Connecting them is a veritable "fire alarm" system which in due time will tell every aerodrome



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BOMBS OF ZEPPELIN WRECKED ON THE FAROE ISLANDS.

by the tapping of a gong that the Kaiser's Zeppelins have arrived on their fearful mission.

It will be a signal for great activity. Hundreds of "bumblebee" warriors will soar into the air for the attack. Every one of them will carry a magazine full of small, high explosive bombs equipped with sharp hooks. It will be the aim of the British aviators to rush at the Zeppelins at the rate of 100 miles an hour; then to slow down over the gigantic gas bags and launch the hooked bombs.

These bombs are equipped with time fuses. After they hook themselves into the tough silk fiber covering of the Zeppelin they will not explode until ample time has been given for the aeroplane to wing itself to safety. Every explosion, according to the accepted theory here, will mean one less Zeppelin in the Kaiser's air fleet.

The admiralty made no announcement as to whether the new "hooked bombs" were used in the recent Zeppelin raid, but the general public believes they were. The theory is that common round bombs would be shed from the top of a Zeppelin like water unless they carried hooks.

In addition to attack with bombs, airships can, of course, attack with ordinary rifle and machine gun fire from aeroplanes. It is quite possible that a stream of bullets from a machine gun would penetrate the petrol tanks of a Zeppelin and cause a petrol fire in the car of the machine, which would spread up to the envelope itself, and it is also possible with luck so to damage the steering gear that the machine will become uncontrollable and either drift helplessly or come down.

Apart, however, from doing damage in the cars, either to tanks, engines, control gear or crew, ordinary rifle fire or machine gun bullets can have very little effect on a big airship because it would take some thousands of bullets in the gas bags to cause an escape sufficient to bring the machine down within the short time necessary for it to get back to territory occupied by German troops.

### DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. M. A. Hawkins of New York city is 100 years old.

Mme. Poincaré, wife of the president of France, is of German ancestry. Miss Daisy Ogden of Davenport, Ia., is said to be the only woman passenger agent in the world.

Miles. Hyvard, Tharlana and Baudeld Rousseau de Giovauna, female lawyers, are now acting as Red Cross nurses with the French army in the field.

Miss Arrilla Howard of New York is a professional party lady, superintending children's parties, arranging programs and in every way making it pleasant for the children and saving the mother trouble.

Mme. Eugenie de Reus Jancoulesco, the president of the Roumanian Woman Suffrage society, has received the highest decoration possible for a woman, the Bene Merenti, first class, in recognition of her literary and social work.

### Science Siftings.

Paper flywheels are coming into use. The tensile strength of paper is enormous; hence its advantage over iron for this purpose.

Seeds germinate rapidly under the influence of violet and blue rays; but, on the other hand, flies and other insects do not like these colors.

A rubber substitute can be made by mixing gelatin with glycerin and a solution of camphor in acetone and treating the mass with sulphur.

Under the auspices of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology an observation station has recently been established on the brink of the fire pit of the volcano Kilauea, Island of Hawaii, where scientists are constantly on duty studying the varied phenomena.

### SHORT AND SHARP.

Waging war seems fashionable in Europe.

Never call a bluff unless sure that it is not the real thing.

It is foolish to acquire principal at the sacrifice of principle.

Love may be blind, but it can usually locate the almighty dollar.

In the race of life no one knows the distance nor where the hurdles or turns are.

The Nobel prize looks sadly small compared to the sums expended daily in war.

Talking about seeing America first, a working majority of us saw it first, anyway.

The inventor of a safe aeroplane has been killed by the fall of his plane. You never can tell.

Large orders for safety matches come to New York from Europe. Why safety matches?

Breach of promise suits have invaded Japan, which now seems to have all the conveniences of home.

Total wealth in the United States is \$187,739,000,000. Here's hoping the great divide occurs before the vacation period is over.

Owing to the state of affairs, the diamond supply is likely to be cut off, which is another instance of the horrors and privations of war.

Marconi's latest invention is said to enable the human eye to see through a solid wall and into an adjoining room. Valuable, but not a popular discovery.

### English Etchings.

Two sovereigns of England have lived to an age of over eighty, three to an age of over seventy and ten to an age of over sixty.

In the last thousand years the sea has snatched 524 square miles of land from England, and every year the loss is increased by about 1,500 acres.

English submarines fly from their periscopes a flag on which is a skull and crossbones when they succeed in destroying a vessel belonging to the enemy.

### Aviation Notes.

An aeroplane salutes by dipping and rising in the air.

The highest altitude ever reached by an airship is 10,000 feet.

A form of the camera obscura has been invented by a Frenchman to inform an aviator when he deviates from a given course.

A Boston man has invented a bicycle handle control for aeroplanes, on the theory that a man accustomed to riding a bicycle will soon learn to maintain his balance in the air by using it.

### Telephone Calls.

The first sound was transmitted by telephone in Boston June 2, 1875.

The "ocean to ocean" telephone line makes use of 2,900 tons of copper.

A new telephone receiver is so small that it can be inserted into the ear instead of being held against it.

Telephones in which conversation is transmitted from the outside of the throat have been invented for use when the wearing of an oxygen helmet in rescue work would cover a man's mouth.

## ROUMANIA READY AND WELL PREPARED

### Has Been Held In Leash by Fear of Bulgaria.

Italy's entrance into the war stretched the already tense Balkan situation to the breaking point.

One thing alone has held back Roumania, which is understood to have a treaty with Italy providing for concerted action, from leaguing with Russia in her assault upon Austria and has kept Greece from coming to the assistance of stricken Serbia and ravaged Montenegro. Bulgaria has long been sullen and vengeful, awaiting only an



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KING FERDINAND AND ROUMANIAN CAVALRY.

opportunity to smite Roumania in the rear and regain the Dobruja territory lost at the close of the second Balkan war. Roumania took no part in the Balkan war, but demanded and received the Dobruja territory at its close. It is now asserted that this difficulty has been patched up.

Roumania has national aspirations and a future to seek in war. Again, she is well prepared. Her army is remarkably efficient for its size, and she can now release a highly trained, wonderfully well equipped army of over 500,000 men, with a great reserve in waiting out of a population of 7,250,000. Roumania also occupies one of the war's most strategic places, physically and economically.

### NEW SUBMARINE CHIEF.

Policy to Make Our Service the Best in the World.

Captain Albert Weston Grant, who has been in command of the battleship Texas, has been selected by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to take charge of the United States submarine service. This is an important step toward the reorganization of the navy and in the direction of developing the greatest submarine flotilla service in the world. The European war has demonstrated the great value of the submarine as an element of naval defense, and the poor



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showing made recently by American submarines in the "war game" has helped to inaugurate this movement for a better submarine service.

Captain Grant will have authority to see that in the construction and repair of submarines the military features of the problems encountered will be acted upon in accordance with the demands of the men who actually fight the ships. He will see to it that requests for repairs are not lost in the byways of a bureaucratic system, and he will afford a system of inspections wherein the present evil of those responsible for the material conditions inspecting their own work is eradicated.

### BRIGHT BRIEFS

When peace comes it must come to stay.

If only the belligerents would try laughing gas on each other.

Instead of worshipping dead heroes China might try to find a few living ones.

Still you could hardly say that Italy took the plunge. It was more like wading in.

The poor, says an investigator, have a right to be in style. Well, being poor is in style.

Sometimes it is the fellow who knows all about mushrooms who eats the toadstools.

The fly swatter is numerous abroad in the land, but the unsuited beat him in millions.

It's the son who has to be supported by his father who gives the old man the most advice.

The 3,000 mile talk by wire is wonderful; but, after all, it can never displace the tete-a-tete.

Tom Edison's "teletype" for recording private conversations knocks the legitimate successor to the keyhole industry into the limbo of lost arts.

The farms of the United States produced \$10,000,000,000 during the year 1914, and none of that money is being burned in the form of gunpowder.

Italy's green book is the latest contribution to the chromatic library of war. The white book of peace has not reached even the scenario stage yet.

The federal census bureau informs us that in national wealth the citizens of the United States have \$12.65 each—that is, figuratively speaking.

### Pert Personals.

The Hon. Chauncey Depew has lived to see his jokes tickling the jolly ribs of posterity.—Atlanta Constitution.

There's apparently not a single chance left for Bernard Shaw to create a sensation unless he enlists.—Washington Post.

The sultan of Turkey does not read newspapers. Reliable information cannot possibly please him, and he is in no mood to enjoy the comic sections.—Washington Star.

Some authors are generously endowed with foresight. Arnold Bennett is said to have arranged that all his manuscripts shall go to the British museum. This might be called grabbing posthumous fame by the forelock.—Providence Journal.

### Educational Notes.

In every one of the fifty-four grammar schools of Portland, Ore., there is a Parent Teachers' association.

Milwaukee has installed twenty-five of the finest type of pool or billiard tables in its public school buildings.

Social dancing for young and old has taken place in 200 schoolhouses throughout the country during the past season, according to the Russell Sage foundation.

Every immigrant child arriving at a United States port of entry will henceforth be reported immediately to the school authorities in the locality to which he is destined, so that he may be placed in school without loss of time.

### Flippant Flings.

It has all been a pretty severe strain on the vice president.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Venetians have at least one advantage—they can mine their own front yards.—Boston Herald.

There's a fortune and a gold medal awaiting the first genius in a suburban community who starts a jitney lawn mower service.—Boston Transcript.

A Brooklyn judge suspended sentence on the condition that the culprit should immediately get married, says an exchange. Whaddya mean, suspended sentence?—Detroit Free Press.

### Industrial Items.

In Philadelphia there are 16,907 children between twelve and fourteen employed in industry.

New York city's factory workers are as many as all the inhabitants of St. Louis, fourth largest city of the country.

St. Paul factories make 1,500,000 shirts yearly, employ over 400 persons and pay out \$350,000 per annum in wages.

Great piles of refuse around Scotch iron and coal mines, regarded for years as waste material, are being utilized for the manufacture of bricks.

### Current Comment

Portugal has a lot of trouble to keep its republic on straight.—Chicago News.

Evidently the "awakening of China" has been postponed for a few years longer.—Washington Star.

They're getting shy of eats in Mexico; but, of course, there is still an overproduction of patriotism.—Indianapolis News.

If ideas and inventions were contraband of war and peace there would be neither flying machines nor submarines on the other side of the Atlantic.—Kansas City Times.